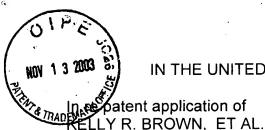
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to a non-final Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, the shortened statutory response period for which expires on November 12, 2003, please enter the following response in the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this Amendment.

Formal Drawings begin on Page 7 of this Amendment.

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